

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, *et al.*, §

Plaintiffs/Petitioners, §

vs. §

RECEIVABLE FINANCE COMPANY, §  
L.L.C., *et al.*, §

Defendants/Respondents. §

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3-01CV2247-N

**APPENDIX**

1. Affidavit of REZA ASSADOLLAHI, D.C. and all exhibits attached thereto;
2. Affidavit of Kenneth C. Thomas, B.S., M.S., D.C.;
3. Affidavit of Lindy D. Jones authenticating deposition excerpts and documents produced in discovery;
4. Documents Bates stamped CM17136-CM17138; and
5. Excerpts from Deposition of Bruce Vest taken on June 3, 2004.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF DR. REZA ASSADOLLAHI**

THE STATE OF TEXAS     §  
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COUNTY OF DALLAS     §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public in and for the said county and state, on this day personally appeared DR. REZA ASSADOLLAHI, who after being duly sworn, did upon oath state the following:

1. "My name is Reza Assadollahi, D.C. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years, am fully competent to testify to the matters stated in this affidavit. I have not been convicted of a crime. The facts stated herein are true and correct of my own personal knowledge.
2. "I have read Defendant Assadollahi's Motion for Summary Judgment and Brief In Support of Motion For Summary Judgment and every factual statement therein is true and correct.
3. "I am a licensed chiropractor in good standing with the State of Texas and have been so for \_\_\_\_ years. My resume is attached as Exhibit 'A' to this affidavit and describes my education and experience.

4. "I am a former employee of Accident & Injury Pain Centers, Inc. ('A&I'). When an employee, I served as a clinic director. Exhibit B attached hereto is a true and correct copy of my Employment Agreement with A&I.
5. "I have reviewed all the files for which I was the clinic director of patients to whom I rendered and /or supervised treatment. Such treatment was based on the patient history, the patient complaints regarding any injuries, my physical examinations and observations and training. My review of each of these files confirms that all such treatment was medically necessary and was rendered on the dates set forth in the file. Further, my review of each such file confirms there was no 'up-coding' to increase the cost of care. There was no up-coding of HCFA-1500 forms and all such form codes for treatment were authorized by me. All such diagnostic referrals were medically necessary.
6. "As a former clinic director, I was familiar with the policies and procedures of A&I at that time. I was also aware of A&I's zero tolerance for fraud. I did not participate in, witness or become aware of any unreasonable care or billing at any A&I clinic where I worked.
7. "I was subject to the supervision of the chief and assistant chief of staff , but they never interfered in patient treatment that I found to be medically necessary. No lay person ever influenced or directed treatment of my patients nor requested I order diagnostic testing without a finding of medical necessity.
8. "I only ordered diagnostic testing such as x-rays, magnetic resonance imaging and CT scans when I determined such items were medically necessary to treat my patients based on the aforementioned factors including patient history, the patient complaints regarding injuries and my physical examination.
9. "I was free to refer patients to any facility I choose for such diagnostic testing but normally used entities that I later discovered were owned by the owner of A&I. My referrals were based on medical necessity, but also on quality of service, convenience and the fact that the testing could be done without pre-payment.
10. "All medical treatments rendered by me were reasonable and necessary for each patient, and was rendered on the dates set forth on the billing statements.
11. "I was a salaried employee of A&I. I did not receive any bonus, stipend or additional compensation or incentive for the referral of patients or for the ordering of any diagnostic testing. My only compensation or benefit I received from A&I or any of the Defendants was my salary paid by A&I. I did not and have not received any compensation from any other Defendants in this case."

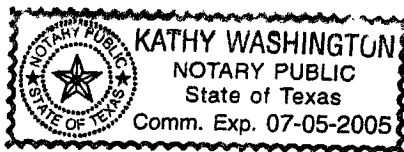
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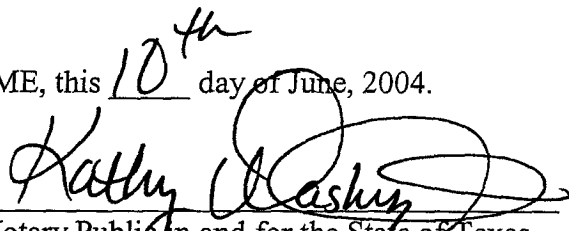
Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004

  
REZA ASSADOLLAHI, D.C.

THE STATE OF TEXAS   §  
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COUNTY OF DALLAS   §

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.



  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

## CURRICULUM VITAE

REZA ASSADOLLAHI, D.C.

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### Personal:

Age: 39  
Citizenship: USA  
Marital  
Status : Married with Two Children

### Chiropractic

Licensure: TX: DC 7107

Education: Doctorate Degree in Chiropractic  
Parker College of Chiropractic  
Dallas, Texas  
January 1996

Undergraduate Education  
Pre-medicine/chiropractic  
University of North Texas  
Denton, Texas  
1989-1991

Undergraduate Education  
Pre-medicine/chiropractic  
DCCD  
Dallas, Texas  
1987-1990

Undergraduate Education  
Pre-medicine/chiropractic  
Bishop College  
Dallas, Texas  
1985-1986

### Professional

Membership: Parker College of Chiropractic Alumni Association

### Post Graduate Training:

American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians  
Designated Doctor Training  
AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment  
4<sup>th</sup> Edition June 1993  
July, 2001

EXHIBIT B

**Post Graduate**

**Training:**  
(Continued)

American Academy of Chiropractic Acupuncture  
Fellowship in Traditional Chinese Medicine  
Parker College of Chiropractic  
February 2003-October 2003

**Work  
Experience:**

Clinic Director  
Accident & Injury Chiropractic  
Fort Worth, Texas  
December 1999-Janurary 2002

Clinic Director  
Accident & Injury Chiropractic  
Irving, Texas  
January 1999-November 1999

Associate Doctor of Chiropractic  
Accident & Injury Chiropractic  
Oak cliff, Texas  
September 1998-Decmber 1998

Associate Doctor of Chiropractic  
Spinal Diagnostic & Chiropractic Center  
Dallas, Texas  
July 1997-August 1998

Associate Doctor of Chiropractic  
Work & Injury Clinic  
Dallas, Texas  
March 1997-June 1997

**Honors &  
Awards:**

Honor Student-Deans List  
Intern of the Month  
Parker College of Chiropractic Out- Patient Clinic

**ACCIDENT & INJURY PAIN CENTERS, INC.  
(CHIROPRACTIC CLINICS)  
8080 PARK LANE, SUITE 500  
Dallas, Texas 75231**

**CLINIC DIRECTOR AGREEMENT**

This Clinic Director Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Accident & Injury Pain Centers, Inc., a Texas business corporation, d/b/a Accident & Injury Chiropractic (hereinafter called the "Holding Company" or the "Company"), and Reza Assadollahi, D.C. (hereinafter called "Doctor"). It supersedes any and all prior agreements or understandings between the parties, whether written or oral, including but not limited to that certain Associate Doctor Agreement entered into between the parties on or about August 1, 2000, and shall be effective as of the date first executed by Doctor.

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the Company owns and operates several chiropractic clinics either directly or through wholly owned subsidiaries (the "Subsidiaries"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this Agreement, Doctor desires to exercise his talents and services for the benefit of the Company at the clinic and to their mutual benefit and to utilize the facilities and services provided by the Company (for purposes of this Agreement, the defined terms "Clinic" and "Company" may refer to the specific chiropractic clinic at which Doctor is performing chiropractic services at the applicable time and the Subsidiary of the Holding Company owning and operating said Clinic) (it being agreed that it is the current intent of the parties that Doctor shall provide services at the ACCIDENT & INJURY CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC OF FORT WORTH owned by Accident & Injury Pain Centers, Inc., a Texas business corporation, d/b/a Accident & Injury Chiropractic);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises of each, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND DOCTOR.** The Company and Doctor do hereby acknowledge and agree that Doctor shall, in all matters hereunder, be regarded as an employee of the Company. Except as may be permitted by the provisions in Section 10 below, during the term of this Agreement Doctor may not provide chiropractic services to patients not belonging to the Company. Doctor hereby represents and warrants to the Company that Doctor is not currently under contract with any other individual or entity which would preclude Doctor from entering into this Agreement. Doctor represents that neither the Company nor any other party has improperly induced Doctor to enter into this Agreement and acknowledges that the Company is relying on the representation contained herein. Doctor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from any liability, cost or expense pursuant to a breach of this representation.



2. TERM OF EMPLOYMENT. Doctor agrees that if the Chief of Staff of the Company, in his sole discretion, determines that Doctor's performance of duties hereunder in unsatisfactory, Doctor's employment hereunder may be terminated by written notice from the Chief of Staff or his designee (the time during which Doctor remains employed by the Company being referred to herein as the "Term of Employment").
3. SUPPLY OF PREMISES AND SERVICES BY COMPANY. The Company shall make available to Doctor the nonexclusive use of all the leased premises upon which the Clinic is located, together with equipment, supplies, personnel and office space situated thereon, during the term of this Agreement at all normal business hours for the purpose of permitting Doctor to engage in the performance of chiropractic services. In addition, the Company shall provide billing and accounting services, collection services, secretarial support staff, insurance coordination services and general practice management services, all of which Doctor hereby acknowledges and agrees support his performance of Chiropractic services. Doctor specifically acknowledges that the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company is not a licensed chiropractor, and that services provided by the Company and its employees personally (for the Company and/or the Holding Company) shall be in the nature of a management consultant to Doctor and are intended to assist the growth, stability and economics of the practice of chiropractic by Doctor at the Clinic. The Company's assistance of Doctor hereunder including consulting with Doctor concerning communication and management skills and the matters to be provided by the Company hereunder, is not intended to, nor shall same be construed as, interfering or controlling or attempting to control in any manner whatsoever Doctor's professional judgment or manner of practice of chiropractic, which independent medical judgment is to be exercised by Doctor at all times. Furthermore, nothing herein is intended to violate any federal, state, or local statute or administrative rule, regulation or guideline. Should any action by the Company result in the appearance of any of the above, such action would be unintentional and Doctor remains responsible for any and all matters related to Doctor's practice of chiropractic.
4. ADVERTISING The Company shall be in charge of all advertising and related promotional aspects of the Clinic. Doctor hereby agrees and consents to the use of Doctor's picture and name in any advertisements or other promotional materials prepared by the Company. In the event of the termination of this Agreement for any reason, the Company will endeavor, as soon as reasonably practical (and at the end of any prepaid advertisement spots), to amend or change all such advertisements or promotional materials to exclude references to Doctor and Doctor's picture.
5. SERVICES AND DUTIES OF DOCTOR
  - (a) Doctor shall render chiropractic services to patients at the Clinic in accordance with established professional practices. Doctor shall perform all services and duties normally associated with the providing of chiropractic care, including without limitation, diagnosing and treating patients, performing x-rays and examinations on patients, and participating in and supervising physical therapy, rehabilitation and similar programs (as may be provided elsewhere herein). In addition, Doctor shall

undertake acts consistent with and related to said services as directed by licensed chiropractors engaged by the Company to serve as Chief of Staff. As of the date hereof Thomas Rhudy, D.C., J.D. serves in this capacity for the Clinic. In addition, the Company has established an independent Compliance Board to ensure that the policies and procedures implemented by the Company comply with all appropriate regulations concerning the practice of chiropractic and the operation of the Clinics, including but not limited to proper billing practices. It is acknowledged that the Chief of Staff and the Compliance Board have reviewed and approved a Policy Manual of chiropractic and operating policies and procedures (the "Policy Manual"), a copy of which has been provided to Doctor and the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, which Doctor shall utilize and follow in the performance of duties and services hereunder, as same may be amended from time to time. Doctor's duties consistent with and related to the practice of chiropractic shall include, without limitation, the prompt and accurate completion (within 7 days of the event) of (i) all necessary paperwork and filings (such as billing information and patient records, insurance forms and narrative forms) required for the prudent management of the professional aspects of the Clinic and (ii) any similar reports requested by the Chief of Staff or the Compliance Board. The timely and accurate completion of such reports remain the responsibility of Doctor. Doctor hereby authorizes the Company to affix by signature stamp Doctor's signature to reports and documents as required, but Doctor shall have the right to personally sign each such report or document should Doctor so choose.

- (b) Doctor acknowledges that the Company will establish reasonable and regular business hours for the Clinic, and that Doctor is responsible for being available to render chiropractic services during such hours. Doctor acknowledges it is to the mutual benefit of Doctor and the Company to establish additional reasonable criteria for the scheduling of time periods at which Doctor shall always be available at the Clinic. Accordingly, it is agreed as follow:

(i) following the initial twelve-month period of Doctor's employment, Doctor shall be entitled to 5 days of paid leave (i.e. vacation), with an additional 5 days of leave following completion of a second twelve-month period of continuous employment (to a maximum of two weeks);

(ii) standard holidays pursuant to which the Clinic shall be closed shall only be Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day, July 4th, Memorial Day and Labor Day;

(iii) given the needs of patients visiting the Clinic, it is agreed that the Clinic shall not be closed for two consecutive business days, unless agreed to by the Company (for this purpose, Saturday shall be considered a business day);

(iv) any leave days (i.e. vacation days) requested by Doctor must be preceded by thirty (30) days written notice to the Chief of Staff;

- (v) in the event Doctor will be absent from the Clinic due to illness, Doctor must inform the Company of same by 7:00 a.m. the morning of the illness; and
- (vi) Doctor shall be required to expend all time necessary to meet relicensing requirements of the Texas Chiropractic Board, as well as to satisfy the testing requirements established by the Compliance Board and/or the Chief of Staff.
- (c) As a chiropractor, Doctor recognizes that it is his responsibility to practice in accordance with the state laws and disciplinary rules governing the profession of chiropractic, including but not limited to understanding and properly applying CPT codes as established and outlined in the Current Procedural Terminology handbook prepared by the American Medical Association. Doctor is solely responsible for any act which could be considered outside the codes of chiropractic practice as defined by state or federal law. Furthermore, Doctor agrees to be responsible for any legal fees, penalties and the like incurred in connection with his conduct of the profession of chiropractic.
- (d) Doctor shall, throughout the term hereof, perform his duties diligently, prudently and to the best of his ability and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Doctor shall provide, to the fullest extent possible, his special, unique and unusual personal services to enable the Clinic to be successful.
- (e) Both parties specifically understand and agree that they are not partners or shareholders and nothing herein shall be construed to make this Agreement a partnership or joint venture, or to grant to Doctor any stock ownership interest in the Company or Holding Company.
- (f) In the event the Chief of Staff, the Compliance Board, or, at the option of the Company, another licensed chiropractor engaged by the Company and/or the Holding Company, determines that Doctor is providing unsatisfactory chiropractic services, the Company shall notify Doctor of same, and shall make recommendations to Doctor with the intent of facilitating Doctor's improvement of his professional care. Doctor's failure to successfully implement these recommendations and improve the standard of professional care to a level satisfactory to the Chief of Staff, the Compliance Board, and/or the Company may lead to further disciplinary actions against the Doctor, as outlined in Section 11 below, and may result in termination. Nothing contained in this provision or in this Agreement shall be construed as the Company interfering with, controlling or attempting to control in any manner whatsoever, any aspect of Doctor's professional or independent medical judgment, or manner of provision of chiropractic services.
- (g) As Clinic Director, in addition to those duties outlined above, Doctor shall also be responsible for the following:
  - (1) Manage, direct and apply all Company, statutory and regulatory standards

of care to all Clinic patients; including, but not limited to, those promulgated by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission;

(2) Ensure that Doctor's Clinic and staff comply with all Company policies and procedures, as established in the Company's sole discretion and as may be modified from time-to-time;

(3) Ensure that Doctor's Clinic is adequately and properly staffed and available to provide proper treatment to patients during the hours of operation as established by the Company and as may be modified from time-to-time in the Company's sole discretion (and which are currently 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. - noon on Saturday;

(4) Training and supervision of all associate doctors assigned to Doctor's Clinic on Company policies and procedures;

(5) Reporting any inappropriate activity, problems, suspicions, questions or concerns regarding any Company policy, or violation of any federal, state or administrative statute, rule or regulation to the Compliance Board or legal counsel for the Company; and

(6) Providing testimony at the request of any current or former patient to whom Doctor rendered services, either by deposition or at trial, either during the term of Doctor's employment with the Company or following termination of that employment.

6. ASSIGNMENT OF PROFESSIONAL FEES.

- (a) In partial consideration for the services and facilities provided by the Company to Doctor as provided above, Doctor agrees that all amounts due and owing by patients or third party payers for chiropractic services rendered by Doctor at the Clinic will be billed by the Company, and all cash or other consideration received for said services rendered by Doctor during the term of this Agreement shall be assigned herein for payment to the Company. The Company shall remit to Doctor the amount set forth and computed in accordance with Section 8 below. The balance of the receipts received for chiropractic services rendered by Doctor at the Clinic shall be retained by the Company.
- (b) Doctor hereby agrees to promptly endorse and/or stamp Doctor's name on any checks or other instruments made payable to Doctor for services rendered at the Clinic to and for the account and benefit of the Company. Doctor shall utilize his best efforts to cause all insurance companies, patients and other third parties to make all checks and other amounts payable to the Company, as opposed to Doctor (it being specifically agreed that the Company is the sole owner of all amounts payable with respect to patient care and that Doctor is only entitled to payment from the Company of the

foregoing, in the event the Chief of Staff or a third party chiropractor engaged by the Company, recommends to the Company that the patients of Doctor be reassigned, the Company shall have the right to reassign any patients of the Doctor to another licensed chiropractor working at the Clinic. Doctor agrees to cooperate fully in any such reassignment, including without limitation prompt completion of narrative forms and, if medically appropriate, recommending to the patient the replacement chiropractor.

8. COMPENSATION

- (a) The Company shall remit to Doctor a base salary of \$[REDACTED] per month in 2 equal semi-monthly installments.
- (b) Doctor agrees to accept any assignment by the Holding Company to a specific Company and Clinic. The Holding Company hereby retains the exclusive right to assign Doctor to any Clinic at any time during the term hereof.

9. TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

- (a) This Agreement, or any renewal thereof, may be terminated by the Holding Company or the Company pursuant to Section 2 above immediately upon notice in writing to Doctor (or orally in person to Doctor when witnessed by a third party). Furthermore, the Agreement shall terminate immediately if, for any reason, including but not limited to suspension, revocation, expiration, or the like, Doctor's license to practice chiropractic becomes invalid. If and when this Agreement is terminated, Doctor agrees to immediately surrender any keys to the Clinic to a representative of the Company and to immediately return all property, patient files and other records (including all copies of the Policy Manual) to the Company. In the event of any such termination, Doctor shall immediately vacate the Clinic. Doctor and the Company shall arrange for a mutually agreeable time after business hours pursuant to which Doctor shall be entitled to remove any personal property owned by Doctor and located at the Clinic.
- (b) In the event of the termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever, Doctor shall be required to complete all outstanding narrative reports and insurance forms for patients served by Doctor at the Clinic. In the event Doctor does not complete such reports in a prompt and appropriate manner (and in all events within five (5) days) to the satisfaction of the Chief of Staff and/or the Company, the Company shall be authorized to assign a licensed chiropractor to undertake such tasks on behalf of the patient, if necessary to ensure adequate patient care in the opinion of said replacement chiropractor. Doctor hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the replacement chiropractor, the Company and its shareholders, officers, directors, and other agents from and against any all costs and liability arising out of Doctor's failure to so complete the narrative reports and insurance reports and the actions of the replacement chiropractor in undertaking to do same.



- (c) All amounts due to Doctor from the Company hereunder through the date of termination may be withheld until Doctor satisfies the requirements set forth in this Agreement, including those set forth herein concerning the return of all records, patient files and other reports (including all copies of the Policy and Doctor's Manuals) to the Company, and satisfactory completion of all narrative reports and insurance forms as required hereunder. Doctor shall only be entitled to compensation through the date of termination as specified above.
- (d) Both parties acknowledge and agree that it is to the patient's benefit to be notified of any termination of this Agreement. Accordingly, Doctor hereby agrees that the Company shall be authorized to contact patients of the clinic to notify them of the termination of this Agreement and of the reassignment of their file to a new licensed chiropractor. Doctor agrees to cooperate with the Company in sending such letter and, if medically appropriate, agrees to recommend to the patient the replacement chiropractor.

10. NON-COMPETE PROVISIONS.

- (a) Doctor acknowledges and agrees that by virtue of this Agreement Doctor shall have access to and receive (i) confidential and proprietary information of the Company (including without limitation the Policy Manual specified in Section 5 above) and (ii) specialized knowledge and training with respect to financial management aspects of chiropractic clinics and certain communication skills and practice management ideas which are the exclusive property of the Company. Doctor acknowledges that the receipt of this specialized training and knowledge, and the payments outlined above, are sufficient consideration to support, and bind Doctor to, the provisions of this paragraph. Should Doctor seek to be released from these non-compete provisions following the termination of his employment, Doctor agrees to repay the Company for the cost of this training, in the amount of \$25,000.00, which the parties agree is a reasonable amount.
- (b) Doctor acknowledges and agrees that the Holding Company would not enter into this Agreement and/or allow Doctor to treat patients at the Clinic and utilize the facilities and business services of the Company described herein unless Doctor agreed with the non-competition provisions set forth herein, which Doctor acknowledges are reasonable and which do not impose a greater restraint than is necessary to protect the interests of the Company.
- (c) During the term of this Agreement, Doctor shall not, directly or indirectly, either as an employee, employer, consultant, agent, principal, partner, stockholder, corporate officer, director, or in any other individual or representative capacity, engage or participate in (including without limitation performance of chiropractic services) any business that is in competition in any manner whatsoever with the business of the Company, or any related entity controlled or owned by, directly or indirectly, the Company (collectively, the "Company Clinics"). Furthermore, upon termination of

covenants or conditions hereof shall not be deemed a waiver of such term, covenant or condition, nor shall any waiver or relinquishment of any right or power hereunder at any one or more times or in any one or more instances be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of the same or any other right or power at any other time or in any other instance.

11. **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES.** The following provides an outline of the progressive disciplinary procedures to be utilized with doctors employed by Accident & Injury Pain Centers, Inc. and its subsidiaries. These procedures are subject to revision without notice at the sole discretion of Accident & Injury Pain Centers, Inc., and immediate termination of employment may result should the severity of the conduct warrant such action. Upon the recommendation of the Compliance Board, the Chief of Staff, or the doctor's immediate supervisor, the following should occur:

1. On the first infraction, a warning (which may be documented in the doctor's personnel file) may be given, and a review of the patient files or other matter which gave rise to the infraction may occur.

2. On the second infraction, the doctor may be placed on administrative watch, or given a three-day reassignment to the clinic most nearly located to the corporate offices for training under the auspices of the Chief of Staff and/or the Compliance Board. Should the doctor be placed on administrative watch, the salary referenced above shall be reduced by \$1,000.00 per month for the period of time covered by such an administrative watch, effective immediately during the payroll period during which the watch is initiated. Such infraction and/or reassignment will be documented in the doctor's personnel file.

3. On the third infraction, the doctor, if a clinic director, may be removed as clinic director and/or reassigned to another clinic in the same or reduced capacity, and at the same or reduced compensation. An associate doctor is subject to termination of employment following a third infraction.

4. On the fourth infraction within any twelve-month period, the doctor is subject to immediate termination of employment.

In consideration for the increased salary level outlined in Section 8 *infra*, and in addition to the Disciplinary Procedures outlined above, Doctor will also be subject to the following monetary penalties, which shall be withheld from the semi-monthly installment of that base salary remitted on or about the 15th of the month following any of the following occurrences:

(a) \$250.00 for each calendar month in which the Clinic to which Doctor is assigned fails a Clinic Inspection, pursuant to the criteria established in the sole discretion of the Company's Compliance Board;

(b) \$250.00 for Doctor's first Compliance Violation as determined by the Company's Compliance Board, in its sole discretion;

(c) \$1,000.00 for each subsequent Compliance Violation as determined by the Company's Compliance Board, in its sole discretion.

Any monetary sanctions or penalties assessed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be donated by the Company to Buckner Children's Home, Children's Hospital, or some similar charitable institution selected by the Company.

12. RECORDS. Doctor agrees that all Company-related information, patient case histories, x-rays, laboratory reports, and patients' case records and any and all associated information whatsoever pertaining to any Company matter, and any and all patients who are undergoing or who have undergone treatment, care, consultation or diagnosis at the clinic, or who have visited or are visiting the Clinic for any professional reason whatsoever, are the sole property of the Company and as such may not be taken from the Clinic and into the personal custody of Doctor for reasons of rendering service to the Company's patients except as provided for in this Agreement. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever, Doctor agrees not to take or remove originals of said files or documents or copies thereof unless express written permission is first received from the Company. Doctor agrees to be liable for damages, including legal fees incurred by the Company if such breach occurs in the event he does copy or remove for personal use any Company information or patient file information as outlined above (or of the Policy or Doctor's Manuals). Doctor acknowledges and agrees that the Policy Manual is a copyright material of the Company.
13. PERSONAL PROPERTY OF DOCTOR AND OF CLINIC.
  - (a) If Doctor shall transfer any of his own personal property to the Clinic, such as chairs, desks, or any other equipment for personal use, Doctor shall mark or label any and all such personal property so as to clearly identify said personal property as belonging to Doctor so as to distinguish it from property belonging to the Company. Doctor shall provide his own fire, extended coverage, theft, and any other insurance coverage Doctor deems necessary to protect said property, but in any event, shall indemnify the Company for any loss which may be suffered by the Company resulting from Doctor's transfer or use of his own personal property or his failure to obtain and maintain as current said insurance.
  - (b) Doctor covenants to maintain the Clinic, and the equipment and supplies thereon owned or leased by the Company, in a good state of repair and covenants to commit no waste or damage upon the same. Doctor shall hold harmless and indemnify the Company for any claim, loss, or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs, arising out of Doctor's use of the equipment, supplies, personnel and office space at the Clinic under the provisions of this Agreement.
14. TAXES/ OTHER MATTERS. Doctor and the Company hereby agree that for federal income tax reporting purposes, Doctor shall be deemed to be an employee of the Company, and the Company shall withhold taxes from Doctor's compensation in a manner consistent therewith. Doctor further authorizes the Company to deduct from Doctor's base salary any



sums due and owing to the Company for unauthorized expenditures. In addition to the compensation described in Section 8 above, at the sole and absolute discretion of the Company, the Company may provide health and related standard insurance benefits to Doctor.

15. WAIVER OF BREACH. Failure of either party to protest a breach by the other party or waiver by either party of a breach shall not operate as or be construed as a waiver of rights or remedies as to that breach, and a waiver by either party of a breach shall not operate as or be construed as a waiver of right or remedies as to that breach, and a waiver by either party of a breach shall not operate as or be construed as a waiver of rights or remedies as to any subsequent breach by the other party.
16. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. The rights and obligations of the Company under this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Holding Company. Doctor may not assign this Agreement nor any of his rights or obligations hereunder to any person, firm or entity without the expressed written consent of the Company. The Holding Company shall be entitled to assign this Agreement without the consent of Doctor to any related entity owned or controlled by, directly or indirectly, the Company. In addition, the Holding Company shall be entitled to assign this agreement without the consent of Doctor to any individual or entity acquiring substantially all of the assets or stock of the Company, and to its successors and assigns upon any other voluntary or involuntary conveyance.
17. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This instrument contains the entire agreement between the parties, and it may not be amended orally, but only by an Agreement in writing, signed by the party against whom enforcement of any waiver, change, modification, extension, or discharge is sought. This Agreement supersedes any and all prior oral or written agreements or understandings among the parties hereto regarding the subject matter hereof.
18. NOTICES. Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be made in writing, and shall be effective when personally delivered or mailed, by registered or certified mail as follows:

TO THE COMPANY:      Accident & Injury Pain Centers, Inc.  
                                 d/b/a Accident & Injury Chiropractic  
                                 8080 Park Lane, Suite 500  
                                 Dallas, Texas 75231

ATTN: PRESIDENT

TO DOCTOR:            Reza Assadollahi, D.C.

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Either party may change its said address by written notice to the other party in accordance with the terms hereof.

19. SETTLEMENT. In consideration for entering into this Agreement, Doctor hereby fully releases and discharges the Holding Company, each Company, each Clinic, and any and all entities owned or controlled, partially or wholly, directly or indirectly, by the Company from any and all costs, expenses, damages, claims, liabilities or causes of action of whatever nature, whether known or unknown, contingent or fixed, relating to or arising out of any event prior to the date of this Agreement.
20. INSURANCE / MALPRACTICE. Doctor acknowledges and agrees that as a licensed chiropractor Doctor shall be responsible for all chiropractic services and other medical affairs relating to the Clinic. Doctor shall also be responsible for any and all malpractice claims relating to the Clinic or Company, whether such malpractice claim is based upon services rendered by Doctor or any other licensed chiropractor performing services therein. Doctor shall be responsible for maintaining comprehensive medical malpractice insurance covering his acts. Said insurance company and insurance coverage shall be subject to approval by the Company and shall name the Company and the Holding Company as additional insured parties. The Company shall be responsible for the payment of the insurance premium.
21. NO DUTY TO REFER. It is expressly understood by both parties that neither party is under any duty to refer its patients to any other party, whether related or unrelated, as a result of this Agreement. This Agreement is not and shall not be interpreted as an incentive to induce either party to refer patients to the other party or to any third party. In addition, any referrals by a party shall be independent of this Agreement and shall not entitle such party to any funds, bonuses, benefits or other compensation for such referral, and Doctor shall disclose to the patient that the patient may seek such services from any provider the patient chooses.
22. SECTION HEADINGS. The section headings contained herein are for convenience only, and do not purport accurately to summarize the contents of the paragraph they head, and shall not modify, or in any way affect the provisions of this Agreement or be of any relevance in the construction thereof.
23. MUTUAL PREPARATION. Each party has read the foregoing Agreement, fully understands the contents thereof, has been independently advised as to its legal effect, and is under no duress or pressure of any sort to execute it. This Agreement was mutually prepared and shall not be construed against any party by reason of his role in such preparation.
24. MISCELLANEOUS. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed for all purposes by the laws of the State of Texas. In any action for enforcement or breach of any of the terms, conditions or covenants of this Agreement, exclusive venue for such action shall lie in a court of proper jurisdiction in Dallas County, Texas. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement, but this Agreement shall be construed as if such

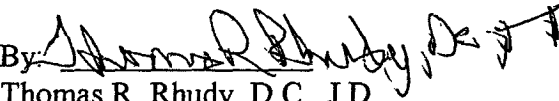
invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provisions had never been contained herein. If, moreover, any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall, for any reason, be held to be excessively broad as to time, duration, geographical scope, activity, or subject, it shall be construed, by limiting and reducing it, so as to be enforceable to the extent compatible with the applicable law as it shall then appear.

25. GENDER. Pronouns of any gender used herein shall include the other genders, and the singular and plural shall include each other.
26. NO SMOKING DESIGNATION. To the extent consistent with state and federal law, all premises within the Clinic shall be designated as non-smoking, unless Doctor is notified to the contrary by the Company. In the event any state or federal law ever requires a smoking area, same shall be designated by the Company in its sole and absolute discretion.

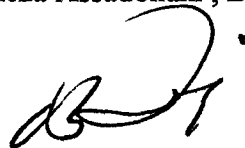
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement the date and year first above written.

ACCIDENT & INJURY PAIN CENTERS, INC.,  
a Texas business corporation d/b/a  
Accident & Injury Chiropractic

By:   
Thomas R. Rhudy, D.C., J.D.  
Chief of Staff

DOCTOR:  
Reza Assadollahi, D.C.

 2/22/01  
Date

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

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President

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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	§	
Defendants/Respondents.	§	

**AFFIDAVIT OF KENNETH C. THOMAS, B.S., M.S., D.C.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS     §  
                                     §  
COUNTY OF DALLAS     §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public in and for the said county and state, on this day personally appeared Kenneth C. Thomas, who after being duly sworn, did upon oath state the following:

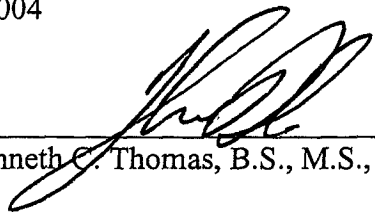
1.     “My name is Kenneth C. Thomas, B.S., M.S., D.C. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years, am fully competent to testify to the matters stated in this affidavit. I have not been convicted of a crime. The facts stated herein are true and correct of my own personal knowledge.
2.     “I have reviewed one hundred (100) patient files for Accident & Injury Pain Centers, Inc. (‘A&I’) which were presented to me as the files examined by the Plaintiffs’ designated expert, William Timberlake, D.C.
3.     “Treatment of adults involved in motor vehicle accidents by a chiropractor is within the scope of practice in Texas, and is in accordance with state laws and rules and regulations as established by the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners (TBCE).

4. "In my experience, it is not unusual for individuals involved in motor vehicle accidents or work related injuries to have subjective complaints.
5. "The treatment of patients on consecutive days is within the generally accepted standards of care in the treatment of injuries incurred from motor vehicle accidents in the acute phase. The use of multiple modalities per visit is based upon the clinical finding and the therapeutic outcome expected with the modality choices. In the 100 cases I reviewed, the election of each modality was therapeutically appropriate and medically indicated.
6. "A&I meticulously documented all patient encounters, beginning with the initial office visit through the last date of treatment. Daily record encounters are documented, utilizing a record keeping system and format. The patient protocols established by A&I provide for the collection and documentation of sufficient patient data to include history, examination findings and diagnoses, to substantiate that the services provided by A&I are not only justified, but usual, reasonable, customary and medically necessary.
7. "Of the 100 files reviewed, MRIs were prescribed in 57 of the cases. There was sufficient documentation to support these 57 studies as reasonable and medically necessary. X-rays do not show problems in soft tissues such as nerves or vertebral discs and the MRI results in greater patient reassurance. The investigation of such acute and chronic pain is less clear cut without the use of an MRI which has replaced the CT scan as the standard in the evaluation of cervical, thoracic and lumbar disc complaints.
8. "My review of the files indicated the diagnostic procedure of MRIs was actually underutilized based on basic proper patient management in traumatic injuries.
9. "In my review of the cases in which the patient was referred for medical evaluation or consultation, the documentation supports the medical necessity for such referral. Such were often based on the need for prescription medication. All files in which referrals were made contain a referral form that was dated and signed by the patient and was with the express consent of the patient.
10. "Additionally, the documentation supported the frequency of treatment as being reasonable and medically necessary for the appropriate case management of traumatic injuries resulting from motor vehicle accidents and for the prevention of post-traumatic sequelae. Further, the frequency of treatment visits is dependent upon the treating doctor's discretion and clinical judgment at the time of the patient's presentation.

11. "There is no documentation in the records reviewed to support the statement that "the services rendered are designed to generate revenues for Bob Smith as opposed to billing for necessary and reasonable services."
12. "In the cases where the MRI studies support a diagnosis of disc herniation, the patient's(s') past medical history did not reflect a pre-existence of disc herniations or disc related problems. I am of the opinion that if the condition did not exist prior to the accident and can be demonstrated objectively following the accident, then the issue of causation is clearly and unequivocally related to the motor vehicle accident.
13. "The aforementioned statements are based upon my education, experience and training as well as my review of the 100 case files and documentation presented to me."

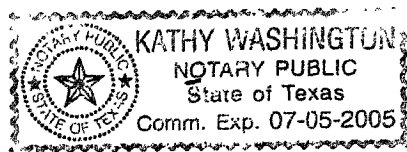
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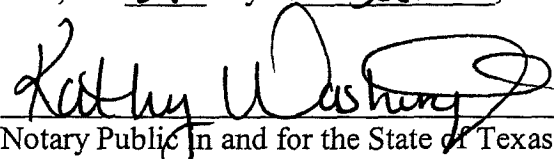
Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2004

  
Kenneth C. Thomas, B.S., M.S., D.C.

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COUNTY OF DALLAS     §

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2004.



  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



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**AFFIDAVIT OF LINDY D. JONES**

THE STATE OF TEXAS   §  
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COUNTY OF DALLAS   §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared LINDY D. JONES, who being first duly sworn on his oath, deposed and stated as follows:

“1. My name is Lindy D. Jones. I am over eighteen (18) years of age, have never been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, and am competent to make this Affidavit. All statements contained in this Affidavit are true and correct and within my personal knowledge.

“2. I am an attorney-in-charge for Defendant REZA ASSADOLLAHI, D.C. in the above styled and numbered cause, and I attended the deposition of the following individual which was taken in this case (identified by deponent, date, and location):

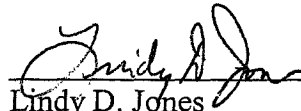
a. Bruce Vest, June 3, 2004, Dallas, Texas

"3. True and correct copies of the following discovery items are attached as exhibits to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment and are incorporated herein for all purposes. These discovery items are identified as follows:

a. CM17136 - CM17138

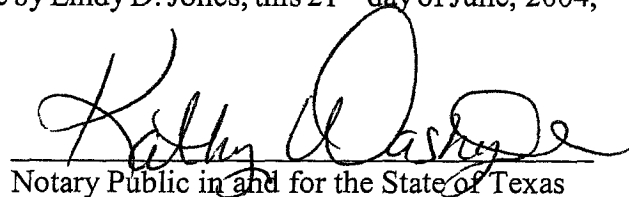
FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Signed this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of June, 2004

  
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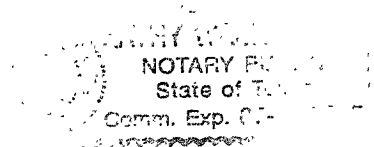
THE STATE OF TEXAS   §  
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me by Lindy D. Jones, this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of June, 2004, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires

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SEL#	PROVIDER NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE
0001	ABE CHIROPRACTIC & HEALTH	01/01/02
0002	ACCIDENT & INJURY	01/01/01
0003	ACCIDENT & INJURY	01/01/01
0004	ACCIDENT & INJURY	10/01/99
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0435	PETER OKOSE	06/01/00
0436	ORGANIZED HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC.	07/01/00
0437	G ORTIZ	05/01/01
0438	G ORTIZ	05/01/01
0439	ORTIZ, G.M.	05/01/01
0440	G. M. ORTIZ, M. D.	05/01/01
0441	G ORTIZ, M.D.	05/01/01
0442	P. M. C. PLLC	07/01/00
0443	P.M.C. PLLC	07/01/00
0444	P.M.C., PLLC	07/01/00
0445	PACIFIC MEDICAL CENTER	01/01/99
0446	MARLON D. PADILLA	07/01/00
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0459	SHING Y, M.D. PANG	03/31/00
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1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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9 VIDEOTAPED AND ORAL DEPOSITION  
10 OF  
11 BRUCE VEST  
12 AS THE CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE OF  
13 ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY  
14 \*\*\*\*\*  
15 VIDEOTAPED AND ORAL DEPOSITION of BRUCE VEST,  
16 produced as a witness at the instance of the  
17 Defendants, and duly sworn, was taken in the  
18 above-styled and numbered cause on June 3, 2004, from  
19 10:21 a.m. to 8:15 p.m., before Therese J. Casterline,  
20 RMR and Certified Court Reporter in and for the State  
21 of Texas, at the offices of Kassabian, Doyle &  
22 Weatherford, P.C., located at Suite 650, 1521 North  
23 Cooper Street, Arlington, Texas, pursuant to the  
24 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the provisions  
25 stated on the record.

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1 Pursuant to information made a part of the  
2 record at the time said testimony was taken, the  
3 following includes all parties present.

4 A P P E A R A N C E S  
5 FOR THE PLAINTIFFS:  
6 MR. DAVID KASSABIAN  
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16 MR. JAMES D. SHIELDS  
MS. KATHERINE D. HOKE  
SHIELDS, BRITTON & FRASER  
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Plano, Texas 75093  
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JONES, ALLEN & FUQUAY, LLP  
8828 Greenville Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75243

21 MR. ROBERT H. RENNEKER

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14 Go ahead.

15 Q. Okay. Mr. Vest, are you familiar with the  
16 chiropractors that I represent? I want to go through  
17 the names briefly if you're not.

18 A. Yes, sir, I'm -- I'm fairly familiar with  
19 them.

20 Q. Okay. Well, let me list them and make sure  
21 you have those 13 in mind, and I'm going to give you a  
22 list so in case you need to refer back to it, you can.

23 All of these are doctors of chiropractic.  
24 Thomas Rhudy, Louis Saucedo, Christopher Holowski,  
25 Kenneth Lustik, Larry Parent, Mark Rayshell, Patricia

0078 Johnson, Carey Fabacher, Tayana Stefanovic, Ramesh  
1 Sanghani, Chad Blackmon, Reza Assadollahi, and Kyle  
2 Campbell.

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4 Can we have this agreement that if I refer  
5 to the chiropractors I represent or the chiropractors,  
6 we're referring to those 13 individuals?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Okay. I'm going to give you this list so in  
9 case you need to look at it and figure if that's  
10 someone that's within the list, you can have that  
11 available.

12 A. Thank you.

13 MR. KASSABIAN: Go ahead and would you  
14 mark it as an exhibit since he'll be referring to it?

15 MR. JONES: No. You can mark it when I  
16 pass the witness.

17 MR. KASSABIAN: Okay. We'd ask that it  
18 marked an exhibit at the -- at the break.

19 (Exhibit Number 6 marked.)

20 Q. And as far as when I make reference to  
21 Allstate, can we also have the agreement that we're  
22 referring to the plaintiffs in this case so I don't  
23 have to name all the individual parties?

24 A. With the exception of the -- the Encompass  
25 parties. I can't speak for them.

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1 Q. Okay. If -- if you need to limit your  
2 response in any way for Encompass or anything else,  
3 you're certainly welcome to.

4 A. All right. Thank you.

5 Q. Okay. Are you the person that's most  
6 knowledgeable about the facts in this case concerning  
7 these chiropractors' involvement?

8 A. I believe so, yes, sir.

9 Q. You mentioned earlier when Mr. Shields  
10 questioned you about Richard Wong, Bryan Hanson, Ed  
11 Moran, and corporate counsel. Is the information for  
12 those individuals -- did it come from you or other  
13 counsel?

14 MR. KASSABIAN: Objection as to form,  
15 misstatement of the prior testimony.

16 A. And what information are we talking about?

17 Q. About this case. In other words, do they have  
18 independent knowledge, or is it something sort of  
19 derivative of what you have been able to determine?

20 A. Generally speaking, the information that would  
21 have gone up to Richard would have come from me.

22 Q. And would the same be true of Bryan Hanson?

23 A. I can only assume that that to be the case,  
24 but once it left Richard's hands, I'm not sure where it

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25 went.

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1 Q. But are you the sole source of information  
2 that you're aware of for this case for Richard?

3 MR. KASSABIAN: Objection as to form  
4 and -- go ahead.

5 A. I think so. I don't know that Richard had any  
6 independent knowledge.

7 Q. What about Mr. Moran; did he have any  
8 independent knowledge, other than through you or these  
9 other two gentlemen?

10 A. I don't believe so.

11 Q. And I take it you don't know the source of the  
12 information for the corporate counsel of Allstate,  
13 other than through you?

14 A. I -- I don't believe they had any independent  
15 knowledge.

16 Q. As far as the chiropractors, this list of  
17 chiropractors that I represent, are you aware of any  
18 acts they took in this -- well, let me back up and  
19 start over.

20 The chiropractors that I represent, are  
21 you aware of whether or not the acts that you're  
22 complaining of in the -- the complaint arose in their  
23 capacity as an employee of Accident & Injury or in some  
24 other capacity?

25 MR. KASSABIAN: Objection as to form.

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1 A. Well, their acts would have been as employees  
2 and -- and -- and chiropractors. As -- I don't believe  
3 that any of the chiropractors -- as far as I know, none  
4 of chiropractors were acting on their own, if that's --  
5 that they -- they weren't loose cannons or it wasn't a  
6 lone wolf operation.

7 Q. Okay. So it -- it's the position of Allstate  
8 in this matter that the chiropractors, what they were  
9 doing was that -- in their capacity as an employee of  
10 Accident & Injury and at Accident & Injury's direction?

11 MR. KASSABIAN: Objection as to form.

12 And do not disclose information received  
13 from counsel.

14 A. Again, I don't believe that any -- as far as I  
15 know, that the chiropractors weren't acting as -- as  
16 lone wolves or loose cannons, that they were doing so  
17 at the direction of -- of Bob Smith and -- and Steve  
18 Smith and Accident & Injury Chiropractic.

19 Q. Okay. And again, you're saying doing these  
20 acts. You're talking about treating the patients as  
21 employees of Accident & Injury?

22 A. Treating the patients as --

23 Q. While the chiropractors were employees of  
24 Accident & Injury?

25 A. Yeah, as far as I know, that they weren't --

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1 they weren't treating employees on their own -- or, I  
2 mean, that's -- they weren't treating patients on their  
3 own.

4 Q. And as far as their compensation, you've  
5 been -- I believe that most of the chiropractors',  
6 individual chiropractors' deposition -- I know those 13  
7 have not all been deposed. Are you familiar enough  
8 with salaries to know whether or not they had a  
9 reasonable salary for their employment with Accident &

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15 A. Yes, sir, I do agree with that.  
16 Q. So if I understand Allstate's allegations  
17 correctly, what you're saying is that some of the  
18 chiropractic treatment was not medically necessary?  
19 MR. KASSABIAN: Objection as to form.

20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. And some of the MRIs prescribed are done --  
22 and actually done were not medically necessary?  
23 A. Yes.

24 MR. KASSABIAN: Objection as to form.  
25 Q. And upon what do you form that conclusion?

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1 A. Well, based upon -- well, I'll start out  
2 speaking from an adjuster's standpoint, what the  
3 adjusters saw, that the adjusters saw an inordinate  
4 amount of MRIs being recommended and -- and prescribed  
5 at the get-go, which, from their experience, it was  
6 premature, too early, within what Dr. Christy said was  
7 the window -- what we found out later on what  
8 Dr. Christy said was the window of opportunity, that  
9 the -- the MIS were -- were being ordered before  
10 conservative chiropractic treatment was allowed to take  
11 place.

12 The same is true for the -- the same is  
13 true for the referrals done to the medical doctors.  
14 They're done too soon, before the conservative  
15 chiropractic care is being given the opportunity to --  
16 to take place.

17 And to be honest with you, I've forgotten  
18 your question, so I'm not sure I'm through with my  
19 answer. Could we -- do you remember your question?  
20 MR. JONES: Well, I've got to object as  
21 being nonresponsive, because I don't think it had much  
22 to do with my question anyway. But let's go back and  
23 try again.

24 MR. KASSABIAN: Objection, sidebar.  
25 Go ahead.

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1 MR. JONES: And again, don't interrupt me,  
2 Mr. Kassabian. I don't interrupt you.

3 MR. KASSABIAN: I think that's side --  
4 MR. JONES: Why do you constantly have to  
5 be rude and interrupt me?

6 MR. KASSABIAN: I think that the sidebar  
7 was relating to the prior statements. I felt it  
8 necessary to go ahead and object at that time.

9 Please go ahead, sir.

10 Q. Again, I asked what your basis was, I believe,  
11 for saying that the treatment and/or the prescribing  
12 and performance of MRIs was not medically necessary.

13 A. Right.

14 Q. And you broke it down by telling me about the  
15 adjusters.

16 A. Yes, and the perception the adjusters have,  
17 and that -- that conclusion the adjuster has is also  
18 based upon the peer reviews that we would conduct,  
19 independent peer reviews that we would conduct  
20 that -- that would conclude that much of the care,  
21 the -- the chiropractic care, the referrals to the MRI  
22 facilities and the doctors and everything, was  
23 unreasonable and unnecessary.

24 So very much a core of our -- our  
25 complaint has to do with those issues, abusive

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1 treatment and patterns of treatment.

2 Q. Okay. So what you're saying is your peer  
3 review doctors had a difference of opinion from the  
4 Accident & Injury doctors; is that correct?

5 MR. KASSABIAN: Objection as to form.

6 A. In -- in -- in most instances, the peer  
7 reviews that I read, that they took exception to a  
8 great deal of the treatment that took place.

9 Q. And so there was a difference of opinion  
10 between your peer review doctors and Accident & Injury  
11 peer review doctors of chiropractic?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. And as far as the medical training of  
14 the adjusters, did they have any?

15 A. Well, adjuster, part of their job requirement  
16 is to make these kind of determinations. If they're  
17 licensed adjusters, they're handling casualty claims.  
18 The nature of their job is to do just that, determine  
19 what -- really determine what our insured -- because  
20 most of these are third-party cases, determine what our  
21 insured is legally responsible for. And I -- I don't  
22 think you have to be a medical professional in order to  
23 do that, any more than the people who sit on a jury and  
24 have to make the same determination. And when I  
25 handled the claims like this, and that's kind of the

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1 position I put myself in, as a prospective juror, what  
2 I would think about this based upon my experience and  
3 what I knew about it, all the facts involved.

4 MR. JONES: Okay. So as far as -- I think  
5 my -- and I have to object to nonresponsive as far as  
6 my question.

7 Q. I think my question was, do the -- not whether  
8 they need it or not, but do the adjusters have medical  
9 training?

10 A. No, they -- for the most part, they don't.  
11 There are -- there are some who are nurses. We do have  
12 nurses that just happen to be adjusters. But generally  
13 speaking -- generally speaking, the answer to that is  
14 no.

15 Q. And do you have any medical training?

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. But it's your position that an adjuster or you  
18 can decide what's medically necessary for a patient?

19 A. With the -- the tools that they have at their  
20 disposal in the -- in the -- the -- in the context of  
21 the claim, yes.

22 Q. And the tools would include Colossus and MBRS?

23 A. Those are some of them.

24 Q. And what are the other ones?

25 A. Well, IMES -- or -- we don't do IMES very

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1 often. But peer reviews would be a tool that you would  
2 use. And then the -- just the knowledge of what a tort  
3 case is worth. I mean, that's what claims adjusters  
4 do. They're handling these things in order to avoid  
5 going to trial, but you have to know what -- what a  
6 jury is going to put on a -- on a -- on a claim, and  
7 that's how you have to think about these things.

8 Q. And so that's what the adjusters do, including  
9 all these Accident & Injury cases, is they adjust them,  
10 right?